

COUNTRY East Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC General Military Information

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

25X1 DATE OF CONTENT. [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 15 July 1953

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 1. On 9 June 1953, a pontoon bridge was under construction about 750 meters upstream from the bridge in Meissen. Heavy engineer equipment was observed. At 4 p.m., 4 tanks, 12 trucks, towing 5 AT guns; and 200 troops passed the bridge, presumably during a major exercise. Steam boat traffic between Dresden and Meissen was interrupted between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. All roads to Meissen were blocked.¹

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[REDACTED] 2. On 10 June, a column of 30 to 40 motor vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1
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[REDACTED] was seen in Neustrelitz, proceeding toward 25X1
Altstrelitz. On 12 June, 9 trucks [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] were seen en route toward 25X1
Altstrelitz, and 5 AA guns and trucks [REDACTED] 25X1
were entrained at the railroad station. Four trucks [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] carrying AA guns, bedsteads and billeting equipment, 25X1
were seen en route from Schlossgarten toward Neubrandenburg. On 7 June, 25X1
15 to 20 trucks and a sedan [REDACTED] were seen at the ramp 25X1
of the Fuerstenberg railroad station, presumably for entraining.²

[REDACTED] 3. At 5 a.m. on 25 June, 46 factory-new 3-axle armored personnel carriers were detained [REDACTED] at the Satzkorn railroad station. The shipment came from Brest Litovsk [REDACTED]³ 25X1

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25X1 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Presumably an exercise of an engineer unit of the First Gds Mecz Army.

25X1 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The units moving toward Altstrelitz and Neubrandenburg belonged to the 9th Gds Tank Div and probably held exercises in the vicinity of the military post. On 12 June, an AAA unit of the 31st AAA Div was entrained. It is believed that the same units were involved which, in early May, transferred

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from Velten to Neustrelitz. [redacted] The elements loaded
in Fuerstenberg on 7 June presumably belonged to the abovementioned
division and are believed to have been artillery elements of the 33d Gds
Mtz Rifle Regt. The shipment may have been attached to a train which,
[redacted] went from Neustrelitz to Jueterbog
[redacted] on 8 June.

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3. [redacted] Comment. A similar shipment for the 6th Gds Tank Div had arrived
in early June. There is the possibility that an exchange program of
these vehicles for tank divisions in East Germany started in June.
[redacted] Hq 10th Gds Tank Div from Krampnitz until 25
June 1953.

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